the various premises of two companies, namely :—

(1) M/s. Formica India Division of M|s. Bombay Gurmah Trading Corporation Ltd.; and

(2) M|s. Modern Surfaces and Insulations Ltd.; and

also in the premises of 10 dealers of these two companies only on 18-11-1986 and not for three days. Incriminating documents seized prima facie establish under valuation of Laminates manufactured by Formica India Division of sold through M|s Modren Surfaces and Insulations Ltd. No arrests have been made. M|s Formica India Division have voluntarily paid an amount of Rs. 66 lakhs and have agreed to pay the differential amount which may be finally determined. They have requested to waive the issue of Show Cause Notice Collector of Central Excise, Pune has personally heard the party on 23-2-1987 to pass final adjudication order in the case.

Scientific and technical personnel in the country

1932. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the strength of scientific and technical personnel in India is only 3.8 per thousand as against 185 in Japan, as reported in the Business India of January 12—25, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that of the 1.5 million qualified scientists, only 0.29 million are unemployed; and

(c) whether out of those who are employed in the Research and Development Institutes, 64 per cent are actually engaged in non-technical administrative posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The estimated stock of scientists, engineers and technicians per thousand population in 1985 was 3.9. Similar figure for Japan for the year 1984 as per UNESCO Statistical Year Book was 312.8.

(b) According to the Sixth Plan document the total stock of economically active S&T personnel in the country at the beginning of 1985 was estimated to be 24.7 lakhs out of which 3.7 lakhs were estimated to be unemployed.

(c) No, Sir. Only about 32 per cent of the total number of personnel employed in R&D institutes are engaged in non-technical administrative work.

Harassment of Scientists

1933. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bureaucracy is hampering the development of science and technology, as reported in the Economic Times of Ist February, 1987;

(b) whether any scientist is likely to be asked to assist the Prime Minister's Secretariat to keep track of harassment of scientists;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has received any representation from one compulsorily retired scientist of Agricultural Research Service giving documentary proof of his removal on the basis of a forged letter. if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(d) whether Government propose to send all such cases to a tribunal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT,